







# The Blue Banner

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## IN KOREA



Father John Ruth, C.S.B.

Attached to the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Capt. A. J. Ruth has left Fort Lewis bound for Korea. In his last letter he wrote he was expecting to go any day:

"The camp here (Fort Lewis) is really something to see. At present it can accommodate around 60,000 men. We fill only one small corner. The chapel set-up is excellent; there are twenty in the camp, and I don't think any soldier would be more than a five minute walk away from one of them. They seat over two hundred, and are well equipped. I have two Masses every Sunday at 9 and 10, and an afternoon Mass during the week at 5.45 p.m.

"I've seen one hockey game since I left Toronto, Tacoma—New Westminster, and was talking to Bob Paul after the game. St. Mike's seems very far away, but I've run into a few boys whom I used to teach; Charlie Seymour who played bantam hockey for me about 6 years ago; Des Smith, a brother of Bernie's and Jim McGroarty who was in my Latin class.

"My address is still:

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Capt. A. J. Ruth  
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Vancouver, B.C."

## Congratulations, Joe

With the winning of the Stanley Cup in his first season as coach of Toronto Maple Leafs, Joe Primeau, Old Boy of 1920-1924, became the first coach in hockey history to coach teams to the three major hockey titles, the Memorial Cup, the Allan Cup, and the Stanley Cup.

Joe coached the St. Michael's Majors to the Memorial Cup in 1945 and 1947. Five of his present Maple Leafs, Jim Thomson, Gus Mortson, John McCormack, Fleming Mackell and Ted Sloan were members of his St. Michael's teams.

Joe won the Allan Cup last year with Marlboro Seniors with former St. Michael's men Pat Boehmer, John McCormack, Gord Hannigan, Johnny McLellan and Don Rope.

## \$450.00 For Memorial Fund

The crowd was disappointingly small at the Old Boys' Party on April 6th, but everyone present enjoyed it. That the spirit and enthusiasm was there is evidenced by the fact that the sizable sum of \$450.00 was raised for the Memorial Fund.

Special credit for work at the party goes to Dr. Jack Egan, Walter Dunbar, Jack Schmidt, Clary Burt, Paul Markle, Dick Foster, Charlie Connolly, Bill Miller, Paul Morrison, Hugh Morrison, Russ Morin, Hugh Ronan, Des O'Neill, and Mike Mallon.

## BASILIANIANS START SCHOOL IN SUDBURY

The Sudbury Star recently announced the establishment by the Basilian Fathers of a high school in Sudbury. A building has been purchased and it is expected that the school will open in September with enrollment this year of Grade Nine students only.

## OLD BOYS PLANT TREES

A portion of the funds raised at the recent Old Boys' Party will be used for landscape improvement of the Bathurst St. frontage of the new school.

In a ceremony to take place this month some trees will be planted by the Old Boys after consultation with a firm of tree experts.

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY

presents

## SEE HOW THEY RUN

April 30, May 1, May 2.

School Auditorium  
St. Clair and Bathurst Sts.

8.30 p.m.

Admission—50c

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### Monarchs Visit Basilians In Saskatoon

During their series in Saskatoon, Coach Johnny O'Flaherty and Pat Wilson visited Father Basil Sullivan and Father Paul Mallon and the Basilians at St. Thomas More College.

### VISITORS

Monsignor Richard O'Brien, 1886-1890, pastor of Annunciation Church, Buffalo. With Monsignor O'Sullivan of Peterborough, Monsignor O'Brien is the oldest priest-graduate of St. Michael's. For years Msgr. O'Brien has sent students to St. Michael's and has established in perpetuity two burses so that boys from the diocese of Buffalo may always be found in the lecture halls of his Alma Mater.

Father Vincent Gillogly, '14-'17, pastor of Ennismore, and Father J. V. Masterson, pastor of Lakefield, Ont.

From Sault Ste. Marie diocese, Father Theriault of Blind Blind River, Father Humphrey in whose parish in Sudbury the Basilians' new school is located, and Father Emmett Regan of Garson, brother of "Big Bill" Regan, '26-'29.

Johnny McCormack, Joe Lamantia, Bob Schurr.

### AT THE OLD BOYS' PARTY

Jack Armstrong, Dr. Peter Beck, Frank Bodogh, Father Frank Bolland, Ken Bourrie, Father Bill Brown, John Bucher, Clary Burt, Hugh Canning, Hugh Carroll, Jimmy Clancy, Father Matt Clifford, Charlie Connolly, Ed. Convey, Father John Corrigan, Father H. Coughlin, Father Jack Crowley, Les Cunningham, Pete D'Agostino, Bill Doyle, Kevin Doyle, Walter Dunbar, Dr. Jack Egan, Father Eschmann, Father Donald Faught, Father Ted Flanagan, Dick Foster, Dennis Foy, Jim Foy, John Frezell, Jack Gregson, Father Elmer Grosser, Joe Haffey, Jack Harding, Jack Harris, Jack Hartney, John Holland, Bob Hurley, Dick Hurley, Albert E. Kelly, Father John Kelly, Tom Kirk, Dr. Charles Knowlton, Bob Lalor, Dick LaPrairie, Conrad Lauber, Dick Lauber, Father Fred Lee, Jack Lee, Rupert Lee, Frank Leonard, Father Luke Lindon, Ed. Lynch, Rowan MacDonald, Father T. A. MacDonald, Father Hugh Mallon, Mike Mallon, Paul Markle, Frank McCann, Herb McCarthy, Paul McConvey, Very Rev. E. J. McCorkell, Don McDonald, Dr. Terry McDonough, Bruce McDougall, Vincent McElroy, Dan McKinnon, Gerry McLellan, Paul McNamara, Hec MacNeil, Ray Midgall, Bill Miller, John Mohan, Peter Mohan, Russ Morin, Claude Morrison, Hugh Morrison, Jack Morrison, Neil Morrison, Paul Morrison, Father Matt Mulcahy, Father John Mullins, Bill O'Brien, John O'Brien, Martin O'Leary, Des O'Neill, Don O'Shea, Elmer Pegg, Father S. A. Perdue, Father George Phelan, Fred Quinn, Father Basil Regan, Ray Roach, Dave Roche, Hugh Ronan, Father Ryan C.Ss.R., Jack Schmidt, Ted Schmidt, Father Laurence Shook.



THE BLUE BANNER would like to know the addresses of the following members. Please inform the Old Boys' Office of changes in your address:

Jim Morgan  
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Charles Brady  
Eddie O'Brien  
Dick Felton  
Ray Moore  
Harold McDonald  
Tom Roche  
Jimmy Buggy  
"Ziggy" Stempien  
Tony Balaban  
"Gld" Balaban  
"Glad" Ridler  
"Porky" Grimes  
Basil Poole  
Emil Horvath  
Maurice Fitzgerald  
John Hajdasz  
Vince Monohan

Jack Smith, Frank Stephenson, Gord Stinson, Mike Sullivan, Hub Teolis, Father Jos. Thompson, Father Joe Timmons, Jack Travers, Harry Watson, Father Maurice Whelan, Bob White, Philip White, Ted Whyte.

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# ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE 75 YEARS AGO

## Memories of St. Michael's

By FATHER JOHN TALBOT SMITH  
(Continued)

### The Refectory

I believe the diet has improved in variety since that far-off day. The dinner was always good, abundant and meaty. If the meat at any table failed in quantity, the head boy applied to the professors' table for relief. The refectory of that time was right beside the present students' chapel, a space taken up now by corridors and other conveniences, and was small, dark place compared with the present dining-room. What a change when we took possession of the new refectory, with its many windows, chairs instead of benches, and the added beauty of linen and silver! But boys pay little attention to elegancies. We liked the refectory because of the "eats" and because it was a warm room. We liked the study-hall for the same reason. We disliked the dormitories because they were always cold. In mid-winter the bald boys, and Barney Sheridan was bald, suffered from the low temperature. The restless lads who usually kicked the clothes off in the exuberance of their dreams, adopted the plan of tying the bed-clothes on by knotting the under sheet around everything. They looked like Egyptian mummies trussed for eternal sepulchures. In the morning we washed in tin pans, which lay in a row under their special faucets, in a framework in the middle of the dormitory. I can feel the icy chill of that water yet, but the Canadian soan was a match for it, and we got the lather no matter what the temperature.

### The Infirmary

I imagine we were fairly clean for boys, who admire the American Indian chiefly for the fact that he washes only once in ten years. There were two hath tubs somewhere, and we went in relays, although my memory about taking a bath in those days is rather hazy. Upon oath in court I would have to adopt the millionaire's refuge—I can't remember. Public opinion was strong on this point of hygiene, however, and the boy who dodged the bath was forced by other considerations to indulge the luxury. With all the hardships of the time, and I suppose there were many, we were a healthy lot, sickness was rare, and in my time only one death occurred, a case of typhoid-pneumonia contracted during the vacation. The infirmary was a joke. At one time it consisted of a room without chairs, so as to hasten the departure of the loafers; the really



ST. MICHAEL'S AS FATHER SMITH KNEW IT.

sick were in bed in the extra dormitory. Later it took on the comfortable shape and character of a hospital ward, but Africa would have been easier to penetrate and explore during this happy period. I saw it once on the pretext of medicine from the infirmarian. The boys were a jolly, kindly, earnest crowd, from all parts of Canada and the States, with pretty much the divisions of the present day. There was the studious faction, the athletic faction, the loafers, the pietists and the aristocracy: the first aimed at a first-class course, the second cultivated the various sports at the expense of their mentality, the third were guerillas in constant warfare with the law, duty, and the officers, the fourth were students for the priesthood, and the fifth were the philosophers who had achieved popularity or any distinction.

### The Students

The most notable student of my time was the present eminent and kindly **Judge Hugh Kelly**, who took honours in all his classes and for evenness of temper and steadiness of purpose showed remarkable power. He was of the judicial temper even in his youth, and although his golden hair and blue eyes hinted at temper, very rarely he showed it. **Bill Brady** of Worcester was the baseball fiend in that day, and he is now a distinguished member of the police force in his home town. Among the loafers the most notable was the late **Dr. Stafford** of Washington, distinguished priest and notable orator and most lovable man. Of course the term "loafer" in college had not the significance of its common use. It meant the lazy and good-natured and harmless boy who had made up his mind not to work

until his superiors forced him to it. **Stafford** was a charming fellow, and we did our best to wake him from his laziness. Not until the next year did he take up his work earnestly, with the astonishing success in after years of becoming the most popular pastor in Washington, with whom Presidents and Cabinet Ministers and great diplomats and officers of the army and navy were intimate. On the platform he was a most successful speaker. The most pious lad of the period in my memory was the late **Archbishop McEvay**, who was always a practical and sensible lad, considerable of a joker, and yet as steady in his devotions and duties as a saint. The most eminent member of the aristocracy was the notable **Dan Kelly**, the popular hero, a wit, a man, a good fellow who seemed to do everything right, and who broke more rules than the rest of us combined. He is now a medical man in Portland, if he is yet alive, and there is no reason why he should not be. One peculiar group existed in my day which I think was never duplicated. They were known as the peripatetics. I had the honour to be a member. Instead of playing handball or any other game, these youngsters walked back and forth at one end of the campus and discussed with heat and ignorance and noise the topics of the time. The less they knew the more they talked, and the sport became so interesting that the other sections of college life began to bet on the winners in the debate. The Americans defended their Republic against the Canadians; the Canadians upheld the limited monarchy as the ideal government against the Americans; the Irish criticized the American Republic with a spleen somewhat British, and were in turn characterized by the others as incapables and ingrates. It was a merry war, which made that group fluent and ready for the public arena.

## BAND SCORES AGAIN

The School Band, with the Loretto Choral Group of 272 girls from Loretto College School and Loretto Abbey, made another magnificent success in their Annual Concert on April 18th in Massey Hall.

A large and appreciative audience of parents, students, members of the staff and Old Boys heard the Band and Choral Group maintain the high quality of performance of other years in this their 11th annual concert and the second in which the band was supported by the Loretto Choral Group.

It was the first concert under the direction of Mr. Charles Mathe successor to the late Cesar Borre who with Father McIntyre founded the band and was its director for twelve years. Soloists on the program were John Guerriere on the cornet and Bernard Farley who left his alto horn to play a piano solo.

Among the Old Boys present were: Al Bodogh, Bill Dennis, Bob Burns, Bob Hall, Martin Lynch, Nellie Bernier, John Hall, Bud McGough, Bill Unser, Frank Contini, Al Zippoly, all of whom played in the band; Frank Bodogh, Father Bolger, Bill Broadhurst, Frank Browne, Frank Cartan, Joe Cartan, Basil Donnelley, Walter Dunbar, Joe Frezell, Jack Halligan, Jack Hartney, Tom Hartney, Peter Heenan, Clarence Hendricks, Doug Lancefield, Bernard Lukasik, Vince Lundy, Jack McBride, Paul McConvey, Rowan MacDonald, Mr. Peter McGough, Cam McLellan, Jos. Mahon, Russ Morin, Hugh Morrison, Father F. Pennylegion, Ulysse Vigneux, Bill Whyte, Father Louis Woods.

## ALL-STAR DEFENCEMAN



Jim Thomson

Congratulations are in order to Jim Thomson who has had one of his best seasons since he left St. Michael's Memorial Cup Champions of 1945 to join the Maple Leafs. Playing again under his St. Michael's coach Joe Primeau. Jim was one of the chief factors in the Leafs drive to the Stanley Cup.

## ACTIVITIES AT THE NEW SCHOOL

**Mission M-Man Contest**—In the Missions Office Father Mullins' executive were busy computing the results of the days voting for the M-Man prior to posting them on the big score-board outside the chapel.

The M-Man contest is a fairly new phenomenon in which each class elects its candidate for the best all-round boy in the school and then campaigns to have him elected the M-Man of the whole school, through their contributions to the Mission Fund. A cent donated means five votes.

There are two divisions; Grades 9 and 10 voting for a Junior M-Man, and Grades 11, 12, and 13 for the Senior M-Man.

Concurrently with the contest there is in progress a Mission Poster contest with prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00 and so on for the best posters.

Interest in the contest which lasts two weeks reaches a climax in the last three days during which the voting is secret and results are not posted. Most classes hold back some funds to plump for their candidate during those days.

The contest ends with a monster Pep Rally at which the winners are acclaimed and the amount raised for the Missions is announced. Last year the M-Man contest raised \$900.00 for the Missions.

So far this year the Mission Society from weekly contributions of pennies, nickels and dimes from the students has raised \$3,500.00. Beneficiaries of the St. Michael's Mission Society in the past have been the Basilian Mexican Missions, The Scarboro Foreign Missions, the African Missions and others.

**The Dramatic Society**—Father Phelan was rehearsing his cast for the coming performance on April 30, May 1, and May 2 of "See How They Run."

**The Sodality**—Father Gorman and his executive were busy collecting and packing clothes brought by the students to be sent to Needy Berlin Children.

**Athletics**—In the Athletic Office Father Flanagan with Brother Raymond of De La Salle Oaklands was planning the spring meeting of the Ontario Catholic Athletic Conference. In the gym Father Crowley's assistants, Messrs. Beaume, Donohoe and Klosterman, were conducting a basketball school for the best prospects from the Freshman and House league teams.

**The Library**—In the spacious and bright library some fifty students were reading, studying, and doing homework, some detained, under the supervision of Father Mulcahy.

**The Year Book**—In the Publications Office there was less activity than for months for the Year Book had gone to press, and Father Thompson and his editors were waiting for the first copies.

## SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

Father Vincent Gillogly, Ennismore, Ont.; Joseph L. Wilson, St. Thomas, Ont.; Father Vincent Corkey, Peterborough, Ont.

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